

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 13-17 and 19-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, claim 18 is cancelled and claim 21 is added. In particular, the features of claim 18 have been incorporated into claim 1 and features from claim 1 have been placed in new claim 21.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by the Examiner at the interview held February 8, 2011 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

The rejections of claims 1, 4, 14, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. 5,704,503 to Krishnakumar (Krishnakumar '503) in view of U.S. 5,227,233 to Itaba, claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Krishnakumar '503 in view of Itaba and U.S. 4,976,798 to Hoffman, claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Krishnakumar '503 in view of Itaba, U.S. 5,178,289 to Krishnakumar (Krishnakumar '289) and Hoffman, and claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Krishnakumar '503 in view of Itaba and U.S. 2001/0038204 to Nojima, have been rendered moot because the features of claim 18 have been incorporated into claim 1.

Claims 13, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Krishnakumar '503 in view of Itaba and Krishnakumar '289. The rejection of claim 18, whose features have been incorporated into claim 1, is traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, none of the applied references disclose or suggest an annular groove portion located above the plurality of sectioned recesses, wherein the label extends above the annular groove portion, as recited in claim 1. On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Krishnakumar '289's Figs. 10 and 11 disclose the features of claim 18. However, as illustrated by Fig. 10, Krishnakumar '289 places the label

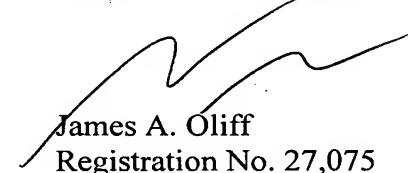
250 within the bumpers 246. As agreed during the personal interview, Krishnakumar '503 and Itaba fail to overcome the deficiencies of Krishnakumar '289.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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